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Fighting for affordable tuition

BY MATTHEW
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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

If you were anywhere on campus Tuesday, February 6, then you probably heard about the student rally that was taking place that day as part of the local Day of Action. Students began gathering at around 1pm in the afternoon in front of the Great Hall holding signs for the reduction of tuition fees, and shouting on megaphones.

As more students gathered, SGA/AGE President Luke Norton lead a rousing climb up the many flights of stairs in the Parker building, what he affectionately termed the 'White Tower of Power', to pay a visit to the offices of the Director of Finances, and also to the Presidents office, Dr. Judith Woodsworth. Once there, Norton confronted Woodsworth, asking about the boards stance on tuition fee increases. With another tuition fee increase looming in the near future, the Presidents response did little to comfort the protestors.

After making their way back down the stairs, the students climbed into buses and were taken to Bell Park, where more students awaited them, along with a few Police units and one tactical unit. Undaunted, the rally began in earnest as AEF President Gabrielle Lemieux and LAMPS President Richard Paquette lead the students in chants. "Laurentian students under attack! What do we do? STAND UP FIGHT BACK!" shouted students and faculty alike, as the protest began its march to local MPP Rick Bartolucci's office.

Escorted by the police, who kept traffic from running them down, the Protestors marched along Paris street, chanting all the way and receiving many supporting 'honks' from passing traffic. On the Paris bridge, they blocked



Alexandra Taylor / LAMBDA

After an 8 day 'Freeze for Fees' campaign, wherein students camped outside to protest the continued and indefinite increase in tuition fees, students and faculty alike took to the streets during the local day of action on February 6 to continue the fight. With the support of Mayor John Rodriguez, the Protestors were loud, united and impossible to ignore.

traffic in all lanes until an Emergency vehicle needed to pass. At this point they continued their march to Tom Davies Square, where Lemieux and Paquette presented some interesting information to the students.

That morning, the Mayor of the city of Greater Sudbury, John Rodriguez, issued a letter supporting the students in their fight for tuition fee reduction, and calling upon the Ontario government to step in and make changes. For that, Rodriguez received the loud support of the protestors before they moved on to Bartolucci's

office.

Although students were cold and maybe a little tired from the march, that did not stop them from being very loud and angry outside of the MPP's office. Bartolucci himself was not there that day, however, as students attempted to enter the building to present the office with a signed petition, they were stopped by the police. At this students were outraged, and they let themselves be heard loud and clear. Lemieux, with her megaphone in hand, led the students in chant after chant, and condemned the Ontario gov-

ernment as well as Bartolucci himself for failing to listen to the voice of the people. "Shame! SHAME!" was the united cry from Protestors.

The march continued on to Diane Marleau's office, and eventually came to an end outside of the Townhouse tavern. The local day of action was loud, and yet protestors received little harassment from the authorities, which was appreciated as last year a student was arrested. Along the way, many pedestrians showed their support by cheering with the protestors, however

there were a few who were disgruntled an attempted to grab signs from the hands of students.

This local day of action was just a warm up for the events that were to follow on Wednesday, February 7. The National Day of Action saw 300 students and faculty from Laurentian join their peers in Toronto, where thousands marched on Queens Park.

Due to printing deadlines, Lambda will have more coverage on the National Day of Action in its next issue.

United Way honours efforts of Laurentian volunteer

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When Laurentian announced that its fundraising goal for the United Way was set at forty-thousand dollars this year, it seemed like quite an ambitious undertaking. Some may have had their doubts, but not Denis Mayer.

"[I] was pretty confident we would reach the goal," said Mayer, Associate Vice-President of Student Affairs at Laurentian. "We've always met our goal in the past but never changed it, so we knew the capacity was there. Obviously by the results we weren't wrong in our estimates."

At the end of the campaign, Laurentian was able to raise \$43,159.81 for the United Way.

Mayer explained that when people see the need in the community for this money, they can't help but want to do something.

"When you reach your goal like we have this year, it helps raise your confidence level," Mayer said. "I think this is a very clear demonstration of how Laurentian contributes to this community. We contribute in a lot of ways."

Laurentian raises money for the United Way each year as a way of giving back to the community. Unlike many charities that specialize in certain fields, the United Way coordinates social services within Sudbury. They distribute the money amongst these services based on need, and all of the money remains local.

"United Way has a structure

that facilitates a vehicle through which people can give money that responds to community needs," Mayer explained. "Otherwise, Laurentian would have a number of campaigns to do. If you keep asking for money campaign after campaign, people experience 'donor fatigue'. You can't keep asking for money. We associate with a community wide initiative. College Boreal and Cambrian college do the same. We work as a network of community builders to come together on this one initiative every year."

After reaching the goal, Mayer attended a banquet where he was presented with the United Way Lifetime Service award for his work with the charity. Mayer has been working with the United Way for over ten years, both heading some campaigns at

Laurentian, and also sitting on the board of the campaign for Sudbury.

"When you see the needs of the community, having been on the board and visiting most of the agencies, you quickly realize that working at the University you're working with the highest echelon of society," Mayer explained. "You've got the brightest students and brightest faculty members. But then when you're working with other parts of the community you realize that there's people who are living completely different lives and the outlook for most people is not as rosy as it is for our students. You kind of develop some interest in what their future is going to be and how we can help."

His passion was stimulated by the severity of the conditions

that people in the community were living in, and Mayer decided to do something to give back. His strength was in administration and fundraising, and so he used those skills to help the United Way and give something back to the community. After over 10 years of this, he was recognized for his work with the charity.

"I was very surprised," Mayer said. "I was in shock, it's a good thing they didn't ask me to say anything because I had nothing prepared. You don't do this for awards, you do it because you see the needs. You know you touch people's lives and their dreams. You want to be a part of it because you know you're leaving something positive in your environment."

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Tuition rises again

Well hello Lambda readers! I hope everyone had a good January! Here we are starting off another month, and I can't help but be excited. The reading break is fast approaching, and only 2 months left until another year at LU is complete.

We have received a positive response so far regarding our new Classifieds section. I'm happy to see students using this new service for two reasons. One, any help that we can provide to you means we're doing our job, and two, it means that some people actually read this rag! For those of you who are interested, allow me to give you some more news. As you will notice reading through this issue of Lambda, we have a new staff member. Matthew Moskal, our new Arts and Entertainment editor, is quite excited to be working with Lambda. If any of you have anything you'd like him to write about, or have any comments for him, just send us an e-mail and I'll be sure to pass it along to him. Also, Alexandra Taylor is our new Assistant Editor! You may recognize her from her previous position as Science and Technology Editor, however, Alex has been 'promoted' you could say, which means that her old position is now vacant. If any of you are interested in the Science and Tech position, again, just send me an e-mail for more information!

Now that introductions are complete, we can talk about the issue at hand. I'll give you a guess...good call, its Tuition

Editorial



Fees! That's right, you've all read about it, and you'll read more about it in this issue of Lambda. The past few weeks have been full of protests and rallies and so on about our beloved Premier, Mr. Dalton McGuinty, and his plan for post-secondary education that seems to increase our tuition fees at a steady level indefinitely. Now I'm not one to get agitated too easily, but after three years of University, my bank account is empty! I've been lucky compared to some, managing to stay out of debt for two years before taking out my first loan. Regardless, it sickens me that one year at University has put me almost ten thousand dollars in debt. With the cost of tuition rising, and the cost of residence not going down anytime

soon, it's a wonder that students from less privileged families can afford to come to post-secondary at all. Oh wait a second...that's right, they can't.

I took part in my first ever protest rally on Tuesday, and I have to say it felt great. For once I felt like I was fighting for something worthwhile. In my time left at Laurentian, any changes made would come too late. However, if more students gain access to the wonderful experience and vast founts of knowledge available at post-secondary because of something that I fought for...well that's just an incredible feeling. I can't believe that there are more important things than education in the minds of some people. The military wants more money from the government. Well guess what? So do we! And maybe if more people were educated there would be less of a need for guns and bombs? Just a thought. Now I am not going to sit here and pretend that I know everything that there is to know about budgets and money and politics etc, but I do know that if other countries can provide FREE post-secondary education for their students, than in Ontario we have absolutely no excuse.

I'm tired of pointing to people like Mike Harris and Dalton McGuinty...you know, the people who failed us. I'd like to some day point to a man or woman who took a stand for something noble and true and refused to budge until they saw it through. And what could be more noble or true than education? Friends, I know you've heard

every argument that there is to hear, and I know that the last thing you need is a preacher, but we have got to do something. Too long did I sit on the sidelines, and even today as I write this I'm missing out on the National Day of Action in Toronto. Helping in the fight for reduced tuition fees, not for myself but for students to come, made me realize how useless it is to be quiet. You have to be loud, and vocal, and intelligent. Sitting in your room complaining to your friends is well and good. Discuss and learn about the issues amongst yourselves. But if you want there to be a change, as futile as all of your efforts may seem, you have to get out there and fight.

I feel for the students who froze themselves outside for eight days in protest. I feel for them because on the last day of their protest, another tuition increase was announced. Despite this resounding defeat, I saw these same people rallying the next day, unwilling to give up. I will leave you with a few words that we chanted on the streets of downtown Sudbury. The Students United Will NEVER be Defeated!

As long as you fight, as long as you keep getting up, picking up your banners to fight on even when things look bleak, you will make a difference.

Until next time, you can reach me at lambda@laurentian.ca if you have any comments or suggestions. Take care,
- Matthew Desrosiers

Intramurals Corner

BY THE INTRAMURAL CONVENORS

The convenors of the Intramural Co-ed Indoor Soccer League would like to inform all participants of the current standings and upcoming events. The first place team in Division 1 for the Monday/Wednesday Recreational League is the Newfies, however for Division 2 there are two teams competing for first place. The two teams are Green Machines and Mikey Mike. The first place team in Division 1 for the Tuesday/Thursday Competitive League is the Hookers and for Division 2 there are also two teams competing for first place. The two teams are Club Cool and Sexy Back. For weekly updates, look on the PHED bulletin board in the Ben Avery.

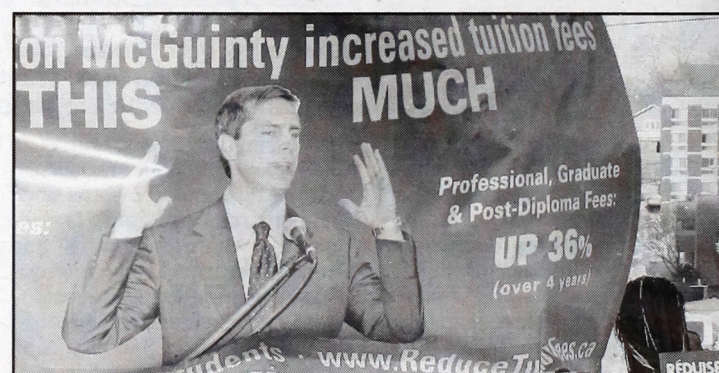
The convenors of the Intramural Co-ed Indoor Soccer League would also like to congratulate the following teams for winning the first theme night: Pajama Night. The winning team in the Competitive League was the Jason Beaway team and for the Recreational League it was the Mikey Mike team. The

next theme night is Bad Taste and will be held Monday January 29th for the Recreational League and Wednesday January 31st for the Competitive League. Get your ripped, overly tight or loose, mismatched outfits or clothes from other generations ready! Good luck to everyone on your last few games!!

Do you like basketball, water or both? If so, you are in luck! Intramural Water Basketball will be held on Friday, March 2, 2007 from 1-3:30pm and is sure to be a wet, buzzer beating time, right in time for March Madness! Staff, faculty, and students are welcome to sign up FREE at the Department of Active Living Office from January 15, 2007 to Friday, February 2, 2007. So come get involved, try out a new sport, and kick off the Madness of March with your registered team. The event will be held at the Laurentian University Olympic Gold Pool so come join the excitement! There is only room for 8 teams so hurry up and register! For more information please contact the Department of Active Living, 675-1151 ext 1018.

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A photo from Tuesday's protest rally against Tuition.

Sustainable Tips: Recycle ink cartridges and batteries

TIP: Bring your old ink cartridges and batteries to the SGA

REASON:

a) Ink cartridges can be used up to 50 times!
b) Batteries that are thrown out with other household waste end up in landfills and incinerators, eventually leaking into the environment and ending up in the food chain. Needless to say, battery ingredients; lithium, mercury, nickel cadmium, alkaline, nickel metal hydride, and lead acid, cause serious health risks to humans and animals.

HOW TO:

Bring your old batteries and

ink cartridges to the SGA and they will properly dispose of them - it's actually that simple.

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GENERAL NEWS

L.U. Students mourn the death of affordable education in Ontario

BY ALEXANDRA TAYLOR
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On January 25th, Laurentian students mourned the death of affordable education in Ontario. For the last three weeks, students have been invited to fill a coffin with mock money that represented their student debt. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were collected and on January 25th, students marched through the campus and then headed down to a local MPP's office where they presented the coffin and demanded that the Ontario government start paying attention to issues facing students.

Two students, Eric Blondin and Kayla Turpin, were participants in the funeral and were interviewed by LAMBDA.

Alex Taylor: Why did you hold a funeral to protest rising tuition fees?

Eric Blondin: We did it for student awareness and community awareness – We were very visible on campus and it was a way for students to physically see the impacts of their education, debt wise – They could physically put the money in and they started to realize “Wow. I’m putting 20 thousand dollars into this box and I still have two years to go...”

A.T.: What did you think of the police presence in response to the funeral?

E.B.: I think it was fun.

A.T.: Is that your official statement?

E.B.: Well, I think it’s entertaining that the police sat around and actually had a meeting about how the students were coming down, with a coffin. I mean, they probably had extra

security, extra cops on hand that day.

Kayla Turpin: Yeah, in case we threw the coffin into the street? Through the window?

A.T.: Was there a specific group that organized the event?

E.B.: It was the Committee on the Day of Action, which is all the student unions on campus working together, so it’s been really nice – LAMPS, AEF, SGA, GSA.

A.T.: Where did the funeral take place?

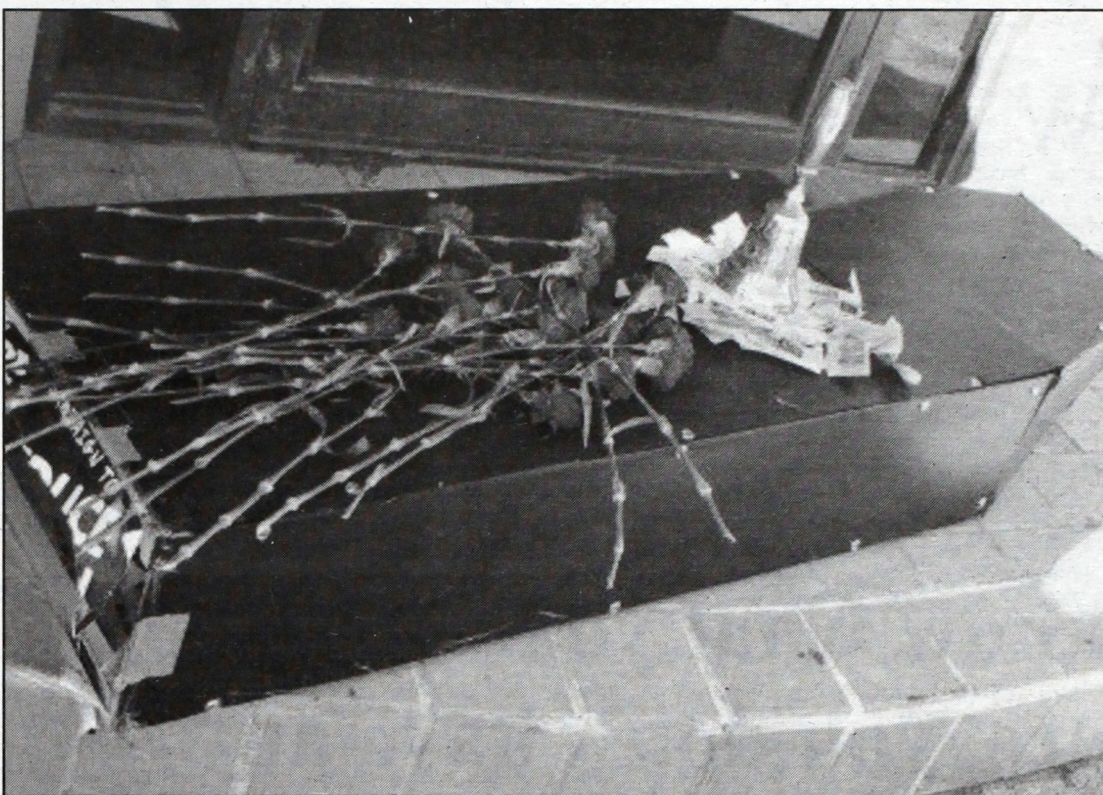
K.T.: Yeah, we started in the gym and went all the way through campus, and then we loaded the public bus and the eventually marched down to Rick Bartolucci’s office where we stood outside his door and had a mock funeral.

A.T.: Did you have any reactions from the public? Negative or positive?

K.T.: I think generally positive – Mostly neutral, most people were just curious – Asking why we were doing it, why there was a coffin on the bus. I personally haven’t heard anything negative.

A.T.: Was it successful?

E.B.: I think it was a complete success – I always hear people say “Yeah I heard the bagpipes, going through the Great Hall” and I get stopped often and people say “Hey, that was cool, I saw the funeral procession.” We went downtown and got news coverage. When we look at our goal, which was just purely awareness, and a media stunt, I definitely think that we achieved that.



Pat Imbeau / Contributor

A coffin filled with student debt sits on the steps of MPP Rick Bartolucci’s office in downtown Sudbury. Laurentian students held a mock funeral to mourn the death of affordable education in Ontario.

Dodgeball Tourney

As you may have heard, LOCS is having a Dodgeball tournament this Sunday, February the 11th. The event starts at 10am and will go to about 5pm. So far there are nine teams signed up for this event but we will be accepting those who want to register until Friday the 9th. If you would like to play you can sign up in the SGA office with your team of ten and it is one dollar per person, so ten dollars per team. The event will take place in the Alphonse Raymond Gym so come support

your friends even if you don’t want to play the game. The actual set up of the event depends on how many teams join and the teams should expect to receive an e-mail with all the information regarding the amount of games, the rules and anything else they will need to know to play on the Friday or Saturday before hand. If you have any questions regarding this event please feel free to e-mail us a LOCS@laurentian.ca and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you to all my loyal fans for reading!

-Sarah Patterson
LOCS President



CIS not worried about NCAA decision, CEO says

So far, only a few schools considering U.S. sports league

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The change to the bylaws made by the NCAA to flirt with the idea of allowing international universities and colleges to join any of its three divisions has many people worried about the future of Canadian Interuniversity Sport.

CIS CEO Marg McGregor, however, says she’s not worried at all, but admits that the CIS needs to keep an eye on the developments.

“We have to monitor the situation,” McGregor said. “We’re in a period of great uncertainty. Nobody knows what will happen.”

She mentioned that although the NCAA has changed its bylaws, there is still a hefty process ahead. Each of the three NCAA divisions has to vote on the decision, and the earliest a Canadian team would be able to join is January 2008. After that, there is still a 10-year period where schools become, among other things, trial members

before becoming full members of the NCAA.

While the University of British Columbia and the University of Alberta have gone on record saying they are interested in joining the NCAA — or at least looking into it — no other schools reached by the Concordian would be.

McGill had been rumoured as one of the three schools (along with UBC and the University of Alberta) interested in making the jump. However, director of athletics at McGill, Derek Drummond, says it’s not true.

“It’s something we don’t aspire to do,” he said. “We enjoy playing U.S. schools in exhibition games, but we have no intention on leaving the CIS.”

One school that has been interested in making the jump is not a CIS member, but has explored the move for several years.

St. Clair College, an Ontario school with campuses in Windsor, Thames and Wallaceburg, was interested in making the move to the NCAA after the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association folded its

hockey league. The Saints had just re-started their hockey team and won two gold medals and a silver medal and explored joining the NCAA, but were turned away because they were not based in the U.S. They have since joined a senior hockey league in Ontario, but their interest in joining the NCAA hasn’t disappeared.

“We haven’t done anything yet,” said Jay Shewfelt, athletic co-ordinator at St. Clair. “We will be keeping our eyes and ears open. It isn’t a high priority at the moment, as we seemed to find a good fit, but we’re definitely going to follow the situation.”

Shewfelt added that the fact they are a college with two- and three-year degrees poses a problem when it comes to looking at the NCAA.

Cost-Cutting Move?

Marvin Washington is an associate professor at the University of Alberta. As an expert in organizational infrastructure of college sports, he says that it is a move that makes sense for some schools.

“It will obviously be a

school-by-school decision, but if you look at UBC, they will have several advantages of making the jump,” Washington said. “They will have lower travel costs as they are closer to a lot of American schools as opposed to some Canadian teams they have to face on a regular basis, and their athletic budget is probably already as high as some Division III schools, so it may even end up costing them less money,” he said.

McGregor said while UBC explores whether a move to the NCAA makes sense, they are a “valued member” and that she is sure the CIS has a lot of advantages for them that will be obvious to the exploration committees.

McGregor also thinks schools will not make the jump because you can’t “cherry pick” and say you want to compete in soccer and nothing else.

“The fact that you have to choose seven men’s sports and seven women’s sports will deter some schools,” she said. “We would be very surprised to see many schools leave for the NCAA.”

‘The Ripple Effect’

Washington says this situation can turn out like a similar one the NCAA was faced with 50 years ago. At that time, both the NCAA and NAIA were at the top of the college sports world in the U.S. Washington points out they were comparable both in number of schools and number of championships.

“But,” Washington starts, “some schools left to go to the NCAA, and then they became superior than the NAIA, and the teams left in the NAIA didn’t want to be part of an ‘inferior league,’ so what you were left with was the NCAA the way it is today,” he said.

“So if UBC decides that it is best for it to leave the CIS, then you have schools like Simon Fraser and Alberta thinking about it, and if they leave, then it’s a ripple effect because then you have schools like Calgary, Lethbridge and Manitoba considering it and that is the biggest issue to fear,” he said.

COLUMNS

Laurentian Alumni plead for resolution

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We are a few of the many young Canadian neuroscientists whose early careers have benefited from the outstanding mentorship of Dr. Michael Persinger. It is thus with great disappointment that we have followed disputes between the Administration at Laurentian University and Dr. Persinger, Director of the Behavioural Neuroscience program. These conflicts have resulted in a year of lost

research, and most recently, a lost opportunity with the Discovery Channel. As recent graduates of this program, we are particularly concerned that the effects of these ongoing disputes will continue to prevent current and future aspiring neuroscientists from beginning their careers in this unique environment. Each of us has now earned, or are earning, Ph.D.s from elite research universities across Canada, and we would like to highlight how the men-

torship of Dr. Persinger and the environment at LU have contributed thus far to our careers.

As undergraduates we had the pleasure of taking several neuroscience courses with Dr. Persinger. His lectures (which have recently been recognized by the TVO best lecturer competition) were dynamic, informative, and always thought provoking. Importantly, these courses gave us an impressive scope of neuroscience knowledge that has enabled us to

attend international scientific meetings and discuss research in almost any neuroscience field. The depth of knowledge we acquired, which has been praised by faculty from other universities, helped us attain excellent marks in our graduate courses elsewhere.

We particularly benefited from the mentoring of Dr. Persinger during undergraduate and graduate research projects. Under his direction we conducted experiments in important health areas including epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, AIDS, and memory. We also had the rare opportunity as trainees to formulate our own hypotheses and design our own experiments, and were encouraged to publish the results of such projects in peer-reviewed journals. Working alongside Dr. Persinger, we learned to balance the open-mindedness necessary to explore scientific unknowns with the judiciousness of critical evaluation. The skills acquired in his laboratory and the peer-reviewed publications that resulted contributed to our acceptances into Ph.D. programs in high quality laboratories at high profile universities, and increased our competitiveness for securing lucrative internal, provincial, and national scholarships.

Our careers have also been enhanced by teaching opportunities available at LU. Such opportunities are not typically available at research universities and have provided us value in two key ways. First, we had the opportunity to cultivate our communication skills which has helped in our success at graduate school and in our interaction with the broader scientific community. And second, we built respectable teaching dossiers early on in our academic careers which are considered extremely important during faculty recruitment.

We are all several years

removed from our times at LU. Given the totality of our positive experiences we have been, and will continue to be, ambassadors of both LU and its Neuroscience program. Dr. Persinger initiated our passions in science, and LU provided us with an environment in which we could enjoy a well-rounded scientific experience. It is in this spirit that we hope for a speedy and mutually equitable resolution to the ongoing disputes so that future cohorts of students may benefit from both Dr. Persinger's mentorship and the merits of Laurentian University as we did.

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Ask for Mercy: If you don't know what your options are, you don't have any

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So, ya failed your required course(s) again and yer feelin' on the bottom of the heap...

Don't feel that way and don't be that way either. Anyone who can do OAC arts and sciences and who can do the first year courses in a particular discipline - in a perfect world - would be able to do upper year courses without losing sleep or money, or gaining Fs and lowered self-esteem.

There are two sayings to keep in mind. First: "Life is not fair. It never was and it never will be." If life was fair across this planet, you and I would be living in what we would consider to be poverty - but instead we have food, housing, health care and education.

The second is, "If you don't know what your options are, you don't have any." So what are your options when you fail upper year required courses for the first, or maybe the second time?

1. You can appeal your grade. According to the terms of reference of Laurentian University, "Any student who is dissatisfied with a grade, a decision of an instructor, or the conduct of the course, is expected to discuss the matter with the instructor and/or the department chair/school director." In the event that the student is not satisfied with this informal session, the student may submit a formal appeal to the department, and start the formal appeal process.

Appeals to this Committee must be made in writing within the following time periods:

a) for Fall sessions - 31 January

b) for Winter and Fall-Winter session courses, and Spring and Summer session courses - 15 September.

The SGA website has an excellent description of the process. Part of their advice is as follows: "See your department chair, vice-dean, college registrar, or the registrar informally to discuss your options. If you contact the SGA, we can help you with the paper work, act as your student advocate and we are willing to represent you at any point during the appeal process, including meetings with professors and departments." Go to

www.sga.laurentian.ca for the full article.

2. You can retake the course. But let the student beware here. Retaking the course does not guarantee you will do better. In fact some students have done worse the second time around. Perhaps the "fit" between Laurentian and yourself - for this particular course or two - isn't good. Some students retake a failed course from another university, often as a correspondence course. You will need a letter of permission from LU before beginning the course, in order for it to be approved for your program.

Others take a failed course in their home town during the summer if their home town has a university. Just so you know, some students from other universities take courses at Laurentian when Sudbury is their home for the summer. You will have to have permission of your Vice Dean in order to do this - written on a "Letter of Permission," which is a form you will have to purchase at the registrar's office.

3. You may be able to do a combined concentration in a BSc and this may change the courses you need to take. Note that both anthropology and psychology have a BSc as well as a BA stream. You will need to meet with the chairs of both programs to work out your courses. You will need to get permission from the Vice Dean of Science and Engineering to do this and you need a minimum overall average of 60% in the two subject areas to graduate.

4. You can do a 3-year BA combined concentration. You may do, for example, a three-year combined BA degree in chemistry or biology and an arts program such as economics. Not bad, huh? You will need to meet with the chairs of both programs to work out your courses. You will need to get permission of the Vice Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences to do this and you need a minimum overall average of 60% in the two subject areas.

For an example of how this works, see the LU web page titled "The Fearless Students' Guide to Course Selection for a B.A. or B.Sc. Degree in Anthropology." But always check and double check your information with the academic regulations of your department.

5. Have you heard about doing a three year degree in Liberal Science?

See www.laurentian.ca/calendar/LiberalScience.pdf This program provides students with a broad-based understanding of a number of scientific disciplines; it is general in nature and flexible in structure.

REMEMBER: EVERY STUDENT'S SITUATION IS UNIQUE AND WHAT WORKS FOR ONE STUDENT MAY NOT WORK FOR YOU. ALWAYS CHECK WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT CHAIR.

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All of us need to build on our strengths, put our best foot forward, etc. Sometimes we persist in a program we are ill-suited for because we think it is the only way to get into the career we want - and we need to double check that. For example, you do not need to have a degree in Biomedicine in order to apply to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. The LU website says they are looking to recruit highly motivated students from a variety of backgrounds. This means in theory your 4 year undergraduate degree doesn't even have to be in science - though I would talk with folks from the Pre-Med Society at Laurentian to see what programs seem to be favoured. For Masters work, however, this situation is different - you can't do an MSc in Chemistry with a BA in English or vice versa!

Katherine Hensen of Quintessential Careers states, "There's some disagreement among experts and pollsters about the importance of one's major to employers, but the prevailing opinion is that - with the exception of some highly specialized and technical fields - the degree is much more important to an employer than what you majored in. That's great news for [all] grads!"

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Getting it Write: Words that sound the same but aren't

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The English language being what it is, writers are often tripped by "baby words" that you wouldn't think would have so much power. They do have that power, though—do you see yourself in any of the following?

To/too/two:

Are you going to the Winter Carnival? (direction)

If you are, I'd like to go too. (also)

It's too hard to make a decision about that trip right now. (excessive)

He was able to divide four by two. (number)

There/ their/they're:

Have you ever been there before? (place)

They may change their minds about going. (possessive)

They're quite determined to go. (contraction: they are)

Its/it's:

The dog wagged its tail with enthusiasm. (possessive)

It's never too late to make that kind of decision. (contraction: it is)

Whose/who's:

Do you know whose books those are? (possessive)

Who's going to look for her books? (Who is)

Principal/principle:

My principal reason for taking the test is to prove to myself I can do it. (main)

How much interest are you paying on the loan's principal? (main amount)

She is the principal of the new high school. (main person)

All his work has been based on a particular principle. (idea)

What all these sentences show is that we need to think about the meanings of these words before we use them—if you do that, you won't go wrong!

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Laurentian University prepares for MuchMusic comedy duo

BY MATTHEW MOSKAL

A&E EDITOR

On February 17, Fraser Auditorium will be hosting two of Much Music's most colourful personalities. Best known as the ever critical peanut gallery of Video on Trial, Trevor Boris and Debra DiGiovanni are hitting Laurentian campus as part of a co-headlining comedy tour. The dynamic duo of defamation is leaving their brand on several campuses and venues across Ontario. Sudbury will be their latest, and according to DiGiovanni, one of their favourites.

"I like Sudbury," proudly states a more than enthusiastic DiGiovanni. "Every time I'm in Sudbury, I always have a good time. This means that you guys either really appreciate comedy or have nothing better to do."

Her humour is not lost anywhere even when she's not on camera or onstage. The essence of DiGiovanni is both honest and sarcastic, but just as critical of herself as others. In the past six years after achieving her degree in Comedy Writing and Performance at Humber College, DiGiovanni's established a connection with audiences across Canada by being what many refer to as a "Post-Break-Up Comedian". A good portion of her routines and appearances on Video on Trial have her making jokes at her own expense about loneliness and difficulty dealing with the opposite sex. She's not afraid to make light of the subject matter and admit that her love life isn't what she was hoping. However she's completely aware of the implications of a successful relationship on her comedy

routine.

"I think being single as a successful comedian is the only way to be, because first of all, what am I going to be, happy? And then what?" she questioned, "How do you be happy and rant onstage?"

There's certainly a level of charm in her self cynicism and this appeal has got her not only a stint on Much Music's highest rated show, but also a Canadian Comedy Award, a tour with the rising star Russell Peters, and her own special on Comedy Now!

But she's not the only one on this tour making waves in a comic sense lately. Her tour-mate Trevor Boris returned home from South Africa this September after touring with the Cape Town Comedy Festival.

"The festival was so crazy," admitted Boris. "When I arrived in Africa with all these comics I felt like I'd done so little with my life. They had travelled abroad on many occasions and this was my first festival on another continent. I really felt like the baby on the tour, and this put so much more pressure on each performance."

Fortunately for Boris, the Cape Town Comedy Festival website had highlighted his performance as one of the finest of the festival. No doubt that the ambitious young Sunsilk spokesman (and two time Canadian Comedy Awards nominee) has been incredibly busy lately. He's been hosting the OutTV reality show "I Now Pronounce You..." and appearing on such specials as Much Comes Out and Celebrities on Trial. But with so much on the go, Boris is still well aware of the trials and tribulations of the modern world of comedy and is ready for what-



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Debra DiGiovanni and Trevor Boris are stars from MuchMusic's hit show, Video on Trial.

ever outcome may follow his stand-up performances.

"[If I screw up] I usually start crying. I find that really works," he joked. "If nothing's working, tears will."

Any viewer of Video on Trial knows of DiGiovanni and Boris' ability to both serve as harsh judge and jury to most of today's most popular musical artists. However, when asked about how things would play out if the tables had been turned against them and they were forced to create their own music video, a reflection of their true colours came shining through.

"If I could make my own video there would be tons and tons of shirtless men dancing," said DiGiovanni, "a sort of feast for the eyes. I wouldn't need to be in it at all, and it'd likely be just as cheesy as any other video."

A little better than a Jessica Simpson, but nothing near as artsy as Tool."

"I think we can collaborate on that," agreed Boris. "I would love to be part of that video. We can make it a duet."

The pair agrees that touring together is a lot like a "sleepover with an old friend". They compliment one another very well verbally and in a physical sense. Both comedians have great energy and a sense of humour that radiates beyond their acts. When asked about what the duo have in mind for Sudbury, Trevor simply responded:

"We have a few surprises in store and all I can tell you is that there may or may not be a monkey involved. That's all I'm telling you."

Local opener and special guest Brendan McKeigan can't

wait to strut his stuff in front of his hometown crowd. Originally an improv artist, McKeigan's rise to the stand up comedy circuit came gradually from years of writing and performance. The first time he hit the stage three years ago he got a sweet taste of the limelight and hasn't stopped licking his chops since. Inspired by the quarrels of daily life, McKeigan takes the mic with immense enthusiasm.

"I've always been inspired to better myself and my performances by people who doubt me," McKeigan stated. "Something about proving someone wrong has always made me feel better about myself."

Despite criticism, one thing is for sure. There's no doubt that on the 17th of November, Fraser Auditorium will be in stitches once these three are done with it.

Banff Film Festival organizers deliver sold out show with fresh approach

BY MATTHEW MOSKAL

A&E EDITOR

A proud tradition at Laurentian University, the Banff Film Festival has run successfully for over a decade. This year however, viewers found themselves experiencing a Festival first. On January 26th, 2007, in the Fraser Auditorium, the event was com-

pletely sold out. Even the concession tables were totally bare before the first intermission.

It's no mystery as to why this event would sell so well. In British Columbia, the Banff Mountain Film Festival is held yearly and showcases some of the finest documentaries, short films and extreme sport related videos. Crowds will flock from all over

the country to take in several days worth of entertainment and activities. Sudbury is one of several locations across the country to partake in miniature festivals treating audiences to some of Banff's finest films. This year a mix of 7 productions made it to the screening, including the comedy short "The Best of Joe" (directed by the youngest director in Banff history and made entirely out of Lego) and the adventurous documentary "Asiemut" (featuring a couple from Quebec's journey through Eastern Asia on bicycles). Each film had its own unique qualities and captivating imagery that attracted viewers from all over northern Ontario.

"It's probably my favourite night of the year," claimed ADVL student Carmen Scott "Everyone who I can share some interests with is in the same

room. The energy is fantastic."

Scott was one of hundreds who completely packed the auditorium this year. Catering to the crowd were Banff Film Festival representative Charla Sharp-Thomlinson and event organizer Marissa Izma.

"We weren't expecting to sell out," she admitted, "we were hoping for it, but we totally didn't expect it."

Marissa went on to explain that the event would help in paying to fund a trip for the Outdoor Adventure Leadership students to take a 2 week canoe trip into arctic waters. Each year the festival helps to pay for an excursion for third year ADVL students to visit some of Canada's most breathtaking locations. Of course with the tickets sales being what they were, the group had no problem reaching their goal. A little help came from a change in the festi-

val's diet.

"We decided to try a new spin on the concessions by adding Fair Trade and organic products," claimed Izma. "I wasn't sure how well they'd go over, but they ended up being a huge hit."

Tables were cleared before first intermission as it seems viewers couldn't get enough of the healthy and environmentally sound treats. However, with the organizer graduating this year, there was some concern as to whether or not the healthy goodies would be returning next year.

"I certainly hope as an organizer I left my impact on festival goers," Izma said. "It would be great to see if some of my ideas come back next year."

Now that the bar's been raised, it will be quite interesting to see just how the reception is next year, and in years to come.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Students camp outside to protest tuition fees

By Alexandra Taylor

Assistant Editor

All photos by Justin Lemieux

Laurentian students braved the Northern Ontario winter from Jan. 31st to February 6th to protest Ontario's rising tuition fees. The participants hoped to raise awareness about the current changes happening within the Ontario government. With tents and campfire set up outside of the Arts building, students braved the cold weather to express their dissatisfaction with the recent elimination of the tuition fee freeze. Armed with warm gloves, great music and a wide array of donated food, the campers stood (and slept!) in solidarity and succeeded in their week-long protest.



Raises in tuition mean that students are paying almost \$200 a year more than they did last year, and this is only the beginning of up to a 35% increase. The increasing tuition fees are becoming a serious barrier to accessible and affordable education for Canadians. Students are doing as much as possible to inform the Ontario government that these increases are unacceptable. Protests and rallies have been organized in Sudbury and across the province, beginning with the 'Freeze for the Fees' campaign and ending on January 7th with a march and rally at Queen's Park in Toronto. Laurentian students, under attack! What do we do? Stand up, fight back!

Patterson's Unclassifieds: Freeze for the Fees

By Sarah Patterson

Hello! The idea of this article is to get the opinions of the student population on a certain subject that is chosen every other week. With that subject I come up with several questions to spend a few minutes going around the school trying to convince you that I'm not crazy and that this is actually for an article, not for my own personal collection of student information. As a person who has an objective, I write this article for every LAMBDA issue I can and if you feel you need to have your opinion heard, feel free to contact me at sz_patterson@laurentian.ca. If you contact me I will tell you all about the next issues' subject and get your opinions.

This week I chose to pick up the topic of protesting with the student bodies' action of 'freezing for the fees.' If you have not heard of this event it is a week long protest where students sleep outside (of the bowling alley, where the tepee is located) in the name of lower tuition fees. That's the basics of this event and I asked six students the following questions; when did you first hear of this event, are you participating, do you think this is a good way to raise awareness, do you have any suggestions that could make this event better and then asked for any extra comments they had about the event.

Gabrielle Lemieux
Litterature/Histoire

Presidente de l'Associant des etudiants et etudiants francophones (AEF)

[I first got involved in this event when] we started organizing it in August at a CFS meeting but we have been organizing like mad in November with the Sudbury Coalition for the day of action. I am participating in this event for seven nights because tuition fees are way too high! Students can't afford to have a good life while at University. Kraft dinner is just not nutritious! We need to create awareness amongst our university community and through Sudbury. Our message: students cannot afford education. This is affecting our lives and the lives of our neighbours we need to take action now! [This is] definitely [a good way to raise awareness] we even hope that students will join us during the week. Support from the administration and from government officials [would make this event better].

Kayla Turpin
Social Work

I have been part of this planning committee for the last month or so. Yes, [I am participating] because I believe that tuition fees need to be lowered. I believe this is a good idea because it is not something that everyone does, a lot of people are curious and many people like to see students at the brink of death. Music would have involved more people and a better location would have attracted more people. More signs inside would have helped with informing people. [On a side note] spooning is key.

Luke Norton
History
SGA/AGE President

I came up with the idea in September to make an ice prison...in September it sounded like a much better idea and thus we ended up with this event. Yes [I am participating] because it is important to me that anyone who wants to go to post secondary education can go. [This is a good way to raise awareness because] a lot of people notice and stop by, it works better because it is so drastic. The other side of the arts building would be showed off this event to more people. [I would like to send out a] thank you to everyone who stopped by and supported us with your generous donations of firewood and hot beverages.

Christina Lavallee
Psychology

Last week was the first time I heard about this event. No [I am not participating] for it is too cold and I have too much homework. I think it is a good way to raise awareness but it isn't as effective as it could be, though the media coverage is good. More student awareness within the university and with the media [would help this event]. Also, more students actually outside would be better. It's good to raise awareness about tuition because it was promised to be lowered by the government but a lower price has not been achieved.

Jason Simac
Masters humanities

I first heard about this event during the planning stages a few months ago. No [I am not participating in this event] but I admire their optimism and resolve [but] I believe there are better ways to achieve good. Yes [this is a good way to raise awareness] amongst the student population but in the larger population it isn't as effective. A good idea would have been to have a party with a sound system, lighting and get the whole campus involved. [On a side note] everyone should play dodge ball. Somebody should give the Freeze for the Fees people a ball...

Anonymous

In all honesty I heard about this event the day of because of the lack of advertising. No, I am not sleeping outside but I am helping out through donations and moral support. Yes and no [this is a good way to raise awareness]. Yes-because they caught the eyes of students who perhaps didn't know previously. No-because I don't feel a protest of this nature gets their point across very well. Taking the event off campus would have worked better-as well as media coverage could have furthered the cause more. It was a good idea that was poorly executed.

SPORTS

2007 SPAD Hockey Tournament a success

BY LAUREN LAROCQUE
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2007 SPAD Hockey Tournament took place from January 24 to 27, 2007. It was a great four days of hockey, with many highlights including the Skater's Edge Skills Competition, The Keg Steakhouse and Bar Prof Showdown and the intense final game of the tournament.

The SPAD Hockey Tournament was created in 1970 as a way to provide non-varsity hockey players a chance to play at a competitive level. It also benefited Laurentian as it served as a way to introduce students from all over the province to Northern Ontario and to promote the Sudbury Community. It was cancelled in 1999, but made its return a few years later.

This year's tournament marked the Third Annual Revival Tournament. The tournament this year was organized by third and fourth year Sports Administration (SPAD) students.

This year, teams from all over Ontario colleges and universities came to compete for a chance to take home cold hard cash as the winners (this year's purse saw the first place team take home seven hundred and fifty dollars). Most teams had a wide array of players ranging in skill from Junior A's and ex-OHLers all the way down to just regular house leaguers.

The Keg Steakhouse and Bar Prof Showdown featured Laurentian professors versus professors from the University of

Ottawa, with proceeds going to the Canadian Cancer Society. The Laurentian team was victorious, with a final score of 5-3. In goal for LU was Professor William Crumplin, who was easy to spot wearing his Habs jersey. The game MVP award was shared between Laurentian's Bryan Maybee (3 goals, 1 assist) and Ottawa's Etienne Bisson. The game was entertaining, and as an added plus, raised money for a fantastic cause.

Right after the Prof Showdown came the highly-anticipated finals. The game featured the Hero Squad and SC+, neither of which lost a game the entire tournament. Many spectators were probably wondering what game the refs were watching, as countless roughing, tripping, slashing and interference penalties went uncalled. Apart from the absent reffing, the game was intense and exciting and regulation ended in a 1-1 tie. In the remaining seconds of regulation a Hero Squad player tripped an SC+ player and earned himself a minor penalty, leaving the team to defend the penalty in overtime. They were unsuccessful, and SC+ scored 38 seconds into overtime to win the game. Both goalies were phenomenal, as the score should have been much higher. Tournament MVP went to the SC+ goalie.

Overall, the 2007 SPAD Hockey Tournament was exciting for both competitors and spectators alike. Laurentian residences had a strong showing; one of the three residence teams made it all



Lauren Larocque / LAMBDA

Team Shake and Bake pose for the camera after their game during the SPAD Hockey Tournament which took place from January 24 through to the 27th.

the way to the finals as the other two teams, LU United and the Shake and Bake squad put on strong performances.

"Playing on a team consisting of 8 girls and 5 guys, we were able to have a great time all the while playing against some of the best players from all over Ontario", said Team Shake and Bake member Jamie Armstrong.

After the round robin play, the division standings were:

HOLIDAY INN DIVISION

- 1) Scissor Sisters
- 2) Algonquin Black Ox
- 3) Hon Candidates
- 4) The Hawks

FURY DIVISION

- 1) SC+
- 2) Canadore College Panthers
- 3) Screaming Buffaloes
- 4) Beer Barons

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- 1) The Silver Bullets
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GENERAL NEWS

Sudbury and LU researchers receive funding for tobacco control initiatives

BY ALEXANDRA TAYLOR
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Two Sudbury researchers are part of a seven-person team working on a five-year project which hopes to explore how traditional use of tobacco might help generate programs to reduce tobacco consumption rates among First Nations Youth. Sheila Hardy, Laurentian's Director of Academic Native Affairs, and Sonia Isaac-Mann, Assembly of First Nations, were awarded \$990,172 from the Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative. Appointed LU's first Director of Academic Native Affairs in 2006, Sheila Hardy has been teaching at Laurentian University since 1994. She was born and raised in northern Ontario and is a member

of the Teme-Augama Anishinabe. She received her Bachelors Degree and her Masters Degree from Laurentian, and is currently working on her PhD in Sociology and Equity Studies from the University of Toronto.

"Today, some of our peoples mistakenly defend 'habitual and addictive' tobacco misuse on the grounds of tradition, without truly having any awareness of its traditional purposes," said Sheila Hardy, "Experience has taught us that a return to true traditional values, in a contemporary context, promotes cultural wellness. We certainly hope this project will contribute to our First Nations youth moral and physical well-being."

First Nations and Inuit communities have been plagued by

tobacco-related illnesses and diseases, and it has been reported that the smoking rates in these areas are double the Canadian average, at approximately 57.6%. There have been previous prevention programs in place, but few have researched the connection between the traditional use of tobacco and the connection to this history that has led to tobacco misuse. It is hoped that through an Indigenous research driven approach, the initiative will generate knowledge that will empower and help develop quitting programs specifically designed to help First Nations youth.

"As a tri-cultural institution, Laurentian University is proud to lead major research initiatives that actively contribute to our

society as a whole," said Liette Vasseur, Associate vice-president, Research. "Every year, we see our research funds increase and our projects multiplying. This continuing success has a direct impact not only on our academic reputation, but also on our status as a national leader in regional development."

The initiative will be lead by partners and co-investigators in four participating First Nations communities across Canada: Katzie First Nation (West), Sandy Bay First Nation (Prairies), Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation (Central) and Elsipogtog-Big Cove First Nation (East).

This research is funded through the strategic initiative Advancing the Science to Reduce

Tobacco Abuse and Nicotine Addiction. This initiative is a partnership of government and non-profit organizations under the coordination of the Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative (CTCRI). The CTCRI, launched with seed funding from the National Cancer Institute of Canada in 1997, is a national partnership of research organizations working to increase capacity and innovation in research relevant to tobacco control policies and programs. The goal of the Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative is to provide strategic leadership in Canada and internationally to coordinate and sustain research that has a direct impact on programs and policies aimed at reducing tobacco abuse and nicotine addiction.

Cool decoration tips for your closets

BY THE HARVEY MILK
PROJECT

"IT IS HARD TO LOVE YOURSELF MORE THAN YOU HAVE BEEN LOVED." Charlotte Kasl PhD.

Closets have a very useful part in our growth as GLBT individuals. They are simply a place for transition, and we should not overstay our welcome in them. Let me clarify this a bit. I like closets! They have a useful purpose in our lives; they help us, safe while we grow muscles to deal with a heterocentrist, homophobic world. Like the gentle womb of a mother that allows the fetus to grow, the closet is a safe place that protects you – but like the fetus, if you do not leave that safe environment in a timely manner, you will die in it. Unfortunately, too many individuals stay too long in that space that quickly becomes a choking prison. Also realize that you will always be encouraged throughout your whole life to return to the closet – it is much easier for "them" to deal with you there if they can push you back in it.

We all have a friend that claims that their family accepts them as gay, but are equally warned not to bring a lover over for the Easter holiday! You do not need others permission to live your life. A duplicitous life is not a "life". The fears and insecurities are pointless. The closet you are in is set up to protect your heterosexual family and friends from what? "Oh, they won't be able to deal with it, if they knew?" or this is my favorite, "It will kill my parents if they knew!" I do not know of one parent yet that has jumped out of a window over this. In fact I have heard about quite a few people that have committed suicide from their over-extended stay in the closet! Cabin Fever-Closet Fever. Even worse, some people have lived horrific empty lives by trying to become what others have expected them to be.

Dear closet resident, give up the control! Your homophobic surroundings have convinced you that it is your problem that you are a GLBT individual. You most likely do not have issues with your queerness, but the people

around you do. They need to come to terms with the fact that their friend/child is a GLBT individual. It is their problem now, not yours anymore – and it never was! (Take a deep breath, and let it go)

PFLAG can help them out. Harvey Milk has said it so well "Burst down those closet doors once and for all, and stand up and start to fight." GLBT persons are told to put on a suit that does not fit, and we try to pretend it does. How do we take off that suit, WE COME OUT! The question is not anymore "What is wrong with us?", but "What's wrong with what has been done to us in Churches, Legislative Bodies, Psychiatrist cabinets, Lynching mobs, schools, at home in the "safety" of your parents roof.

Kittens, do not think that I am saying to jump out of the closet to an uncertain landing pad. Coming out at the wrong time in the wrong place can be dangerous still. Plan. Plan and gather support. This process of Self-recognition is the prequel to the six stages of Coming out (Gasp, yes six!) I will cover these in the next issue of Lambda.

If queerness was simply a sexual practice then you could just "hide" it, but being GLBT is

much more than that, it is about Romance, Sexualities, Social, Emotional etc... It is the very fiber of your being, your true authentic nature. I sometimes hear straight people say "Why do they need a Parade, we don't have a Straight parade!" I always ask them if they feel the same way about St-Patrick's day parade, Or Italy Day parade we have here in Ontario. Then they retort "Well they are not about SEX, (why is sex always the bad guy?). Well our Pride Celebrations are not about SEX, but about our Culture, our Queer Culture and very affirming. Attending these celebrations can be very liberating - coming out of our closets onto the streets. You may even find out that the negative filters and stereotypes you were taught by Heterosexuals are not true! No need to worry about what "made" you queer, no one asks what made them Heterosexual? It does not matter why we are "that" way, all that matters is simply that "we are".

Until next week, plan some really bright lively colors for your closet, Spring time is nigh! Till we meet again, it is imperative that you feel good about who you are. You only have one life, don't live it in fear. There are

fantastic resources and people on this campus to help out. A good starting point would be Student Services next to the Special needs office. If you are being harassed, do not hesitate to contact the harassment office here on campus. You will find Mrs Lise

Dutrisac warm and supportive, (officer related to the Harassment Office .L-826 (ext:3420) In the meantime, get ready to move out of the closet and into your life! We will discuss this in the upcoming issue of Lambda.

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SPORTS

Laurentian University hosts CAAWS workshop

BY LAUREN LAROCQUE
SPORTS EDITOR

On January 26th and 27th CAAWS' newest pilot project, The Women and Leadership Workshop, came to Laurentian. CAAWS (Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity) is an Ottawa-based national program whose main prerogative is to increase female participation in physical activity. They have developed many programs aimed at females of all ages.

Up until the 1980s, Canadian sport governing bodies provided relatively little opportunities for female athletes. Discouraged by low levels of participation, biased media coverage, the lack of practices times and facilities, and the few positions available for women in coaching and sports administration, a group of women banded together and formed CAAWS.

With the help of a large base of volunteers, CAAWS has been able to tackle many gender issues in sport across Canada. They have also been at the forefront of most of the research completed on the integration of women in sport. CAAWS is internationally recognized for its work in advocating equality and ensuring the girls and women have increased opportunities in sport.

CAAWS created their workshops to help women in sport develop effective communication skills, influence change, practice conflict resolution and learn effective networking skills. The workshops consist of a series of professional development sessions that have been designed for women by women.

While many might consider the CAAWS "Women and Leadership Program" to be simply an outlet for feminists to

vent, they would be wrong. In fact, one of the first points of the conference that was established was that the conference was not an opportunity to "man-bash" but an opportunity to learn from other women.

In fact, Friday night's session would have been valuable for any student in any program, because it dealt with what CAAWS has termed the "Work Life Balance". Apart from analyzing statistics of the modern woman, the rest of the workshop dealt with strategies on how to obtain a balanced life. Thirteen strategies to creating a balanced life were listed and discussed. Points such as creating support systems, nurturing yourself, learning to say "no", managing your finances and don't procrastinate are strategies that every student can apply to their lives to create a better "work life balance".

Saturday's workshop was

titled "Realizing the Leader Within" and it was designed to give participants the opportunity to discuss leadership traits, talk about examples of female leaders and identify and discuss their leadership skills and strengths. After discussing gender differences in leadership and communication styles, participants were given the opportunity to discuss their own achievements with the group. This proved harder than it sounds for many participants. That soon proved to be the point of the workshop: that women have a harder time being confident in their achievements. Participating in the Saturday workshop was definitely an opportunity for the women present to develop their leadership styles and become more aware of problems they will encounter.

Fourth year Human Kinetics student Joann Varty, who participated in Saturday's workshop, said that "it was a

good opportunity for women to speak their opinions, in an open and non-judgmental atmosphere, on how they feel women are treated in sports, as well as give personal experiences to show that these experiences can happen to everyone".

With the group containing both graduating Laurentian students and local area high school students, this workshop benefited the Laurentian community. Our Human Kinetics graduates will be leaving our school as confident leaders, and the new frosh for next year are coming in and excited to continue developing their skills.

Another interesting part of the workshop was that participants were given the opportunity to write themselves postcards which CAAWS will mail out in a few months time to remind everyone of the tips and lessons learned.

CAAWS states that they are "in business to encourage girls and women to get out of the bleachers, off the sidelines and onto the fields and rinks, into the pools, locker rooms and board rooms of Canada". Laurentian's Human Kinetics graduates are well known for their success in the field of physical activity, and participants in the workshops earned valuable tips that will be useful in the workplace.

Because the two workshops are both pilot projects, only fourth year Physical Education and Health Promotion students were invited. However, the conference is highly recommended and any student who has the chance should definitely attend next year.

Anyone wanting to get involved in CAAWS and/or to read more information about their workshops can visit the official website at www.caaws.ca.



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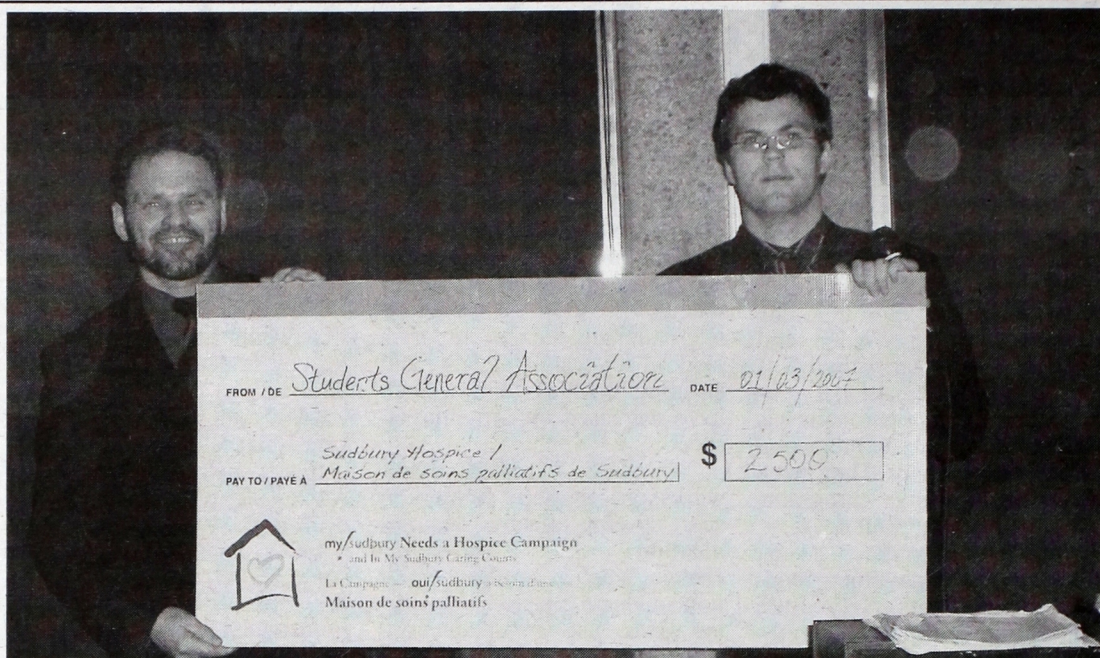
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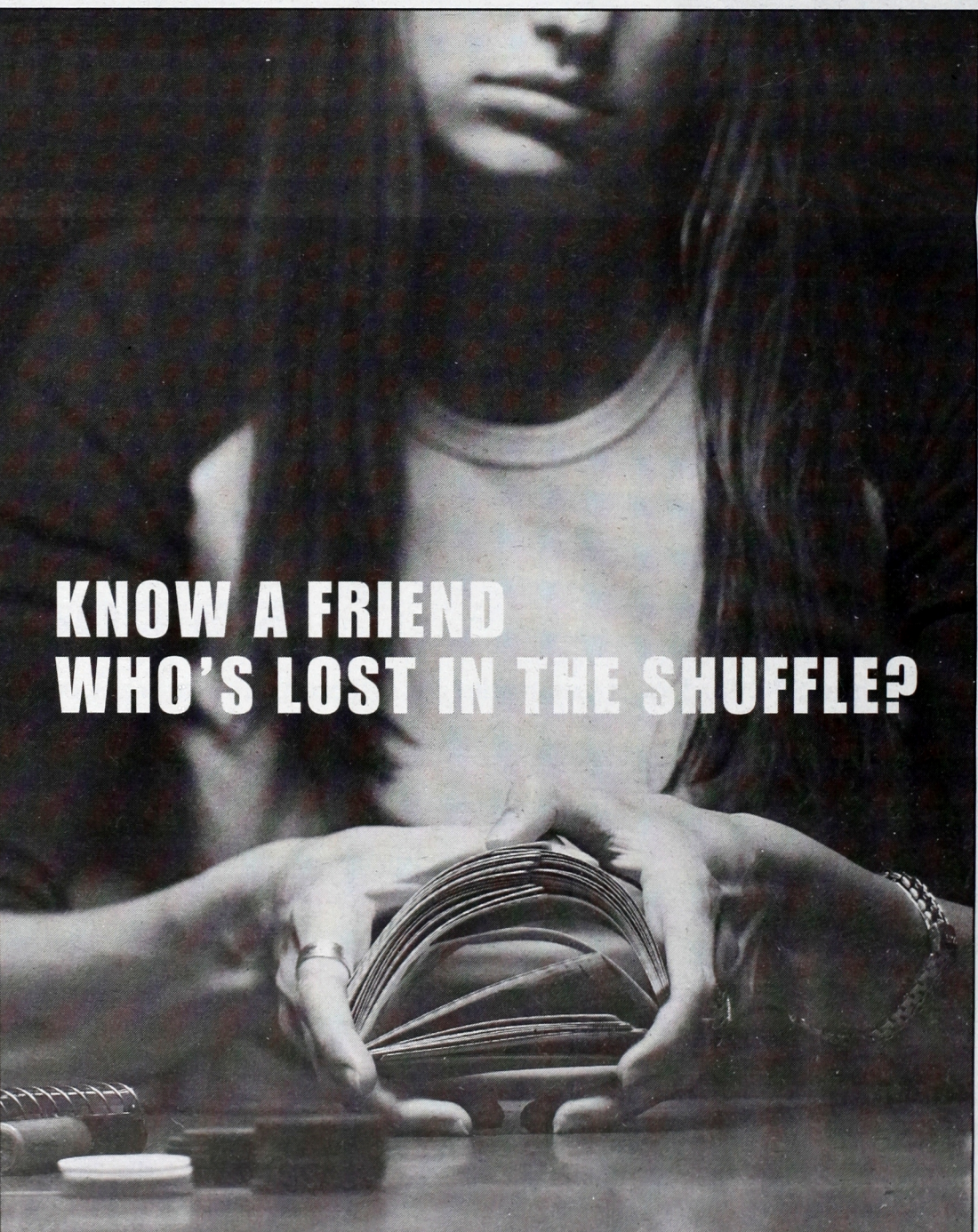
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Saturday, February 3rd, Laurentian University students took a walk along the red carpet as the SGA/AGE hosted its annual Charity Ball. With proceeds from the event going to Maison La Paix, the SGA were able to present the organization with a cheque for \$2500. Students enjoyed a night of dancing, drinking, and good fashioned fun as they dressed up in their formal attire to enjoy a night in support of charity. This annual event, like so many others at Laurentian, truly show the attitude that this institution has towards its community, as it strives to support organizations such as Maison La Paix as often as possible. With another Charity Ball in the books, students are already looking towards next years event with anticipation.



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POLITICS

Minimum wage increase inadequate to offset tuition fee hike

BY ALEXANDRA TAYLOR
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In what seems to be an attempt to distract attention from tuition fee protests, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty announced this month that Ontario's minimum wage will be increased. Many students feel that the \$0.25 increase is not enough to justify the record tuition fees that students are currently facing. Current tuition has already immersed students in debt and the recent elimination of the tuition fee freeze in Ontario will only lead to more. Students are already finding themselves struggling to make ends meet despite working full time summers, and the minimum wage increase has done little to solve the problem.

In the 70s, McGuinty studied biology at McMaster and then law at the University of Ottawa. In 1975, the minimum wage in Ontario was \$2.40 an hour. Tuition fees were \$610 a year. As of February 2007, minimum wage has increased to \$8.00 an hour while tuition fees have risen to over \$5,000 a year for an undergraduate degree and as much as \$17,000 a year for law tuition fees. "If he had paid for his own education, a young Dalton McGuinty would have had to work for only 6.4 weeks in the summer of 1975 to pay his undergraduate tuition fees," said Jesse Greener, Ontario Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students. "Students

working minimum wage jobs in the summer of 2006 would have had to work 16.6 weeks in order to finance a year of undergraduate tuition fees. Working all summer, today's law students could barely pay a third of a year's tuition fees." Many students in Sudbury have expressed concerns about their schoolwork suffering due to the fact that tuition fees and living expenses have forced them to work part of full time during the year, in addition to full time in the summer. "Decision-makers like Premier McGuinty benefited from better wages and lower tuition fees," said Greener. "Reaping the benefits of an affordable education and then turning around and depriving young people today of those same opportunities is selfish and hypocritical."

In September, McGuinty cancelled the tuition fee freeze, allowing the fees to be increased by between 4% and 8%, regardless of the fact that tuition has seen an increase of 200% in the last 15 years. "This year, Dalton McGuinty gave Ontario's minimum wage earners a 3% raise, while giving himself a 25% raise to \$198,620 a year," said Greener. "McGuinty is making approximately \$95 an hour, while students earning minimum wage are kept below the poverty line." Laurentian students have stood up against these changes by participating this week in a 'Freeze for the Fees' week-long campout protest. Students across Sudbury

and across Ontario also participated in a Day of Action in Toronto, staging protests at Queen's Park and on Parliament

Hill. For more details, visit: www.ReduceTuitionFees.ca. To learn more about the related cam-

paign for a \$10 minimum wage, visit: www.amillionreasons.ca



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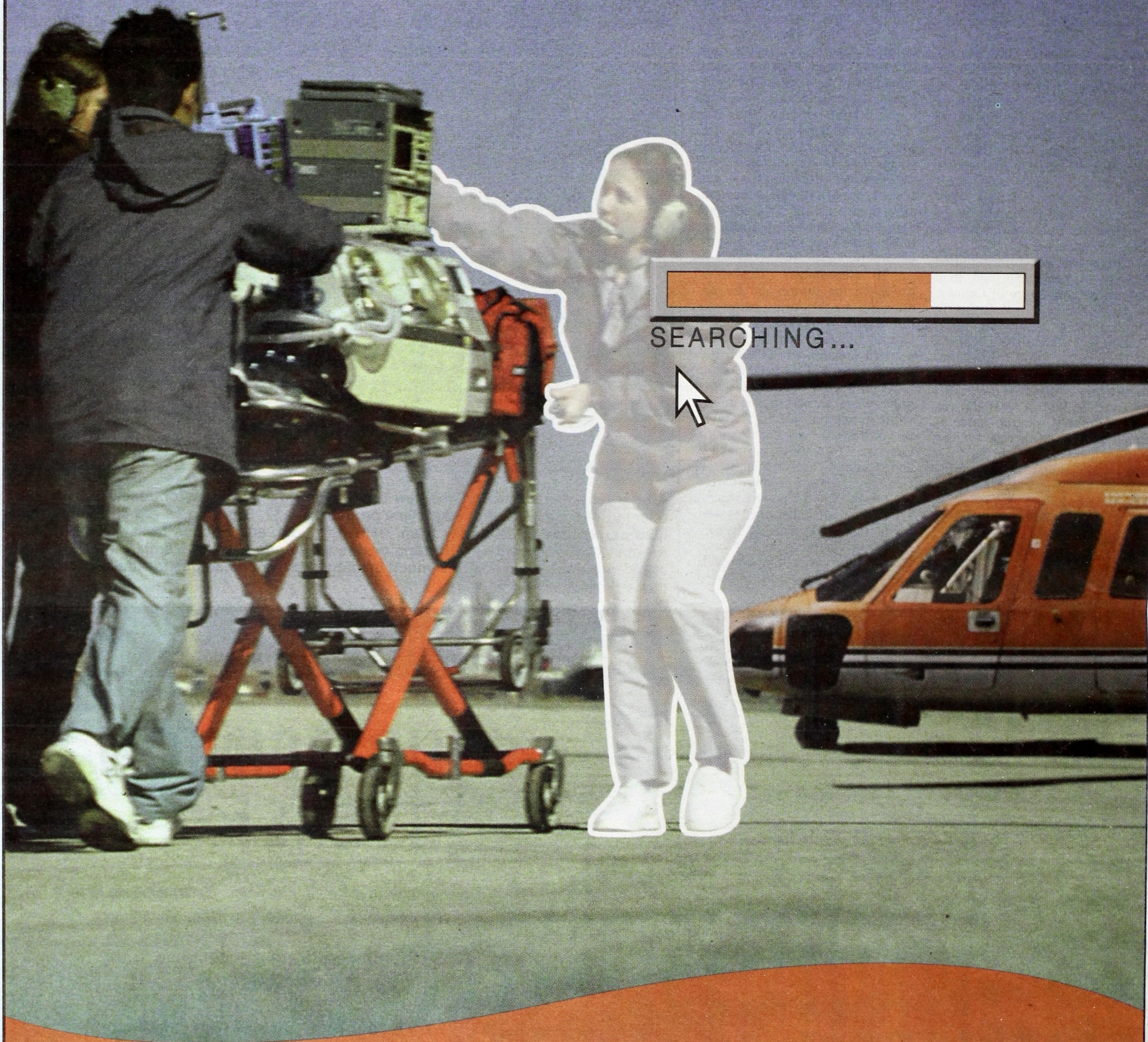
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